

Appl. No. 09/673,707
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103. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 90, further comprising administering to said organism both a protease inhibitor and a reverse transcriptase inhibitor and then withdrawing the reverse transcriptase inhibitor while maintaining protease inhibitor dosing during administration of said composition.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-11, 52-58, and 68-78 are pending. Claims 12-18 and 25-51 have been canceled. Claims 59-67 and 79-103 have been withdrawn from examination.

II. The Amendments Herein

The amendments herein add no new matter.

The status identifier of claim 52 has been changed to reflect that the claim has been amended. The amendments to claim 52 add a recitation that the binding specificity of the antibody is to the CD4-binding site of gp120. The recitation is supported throughout the specification, including page 12, lines 25-32. A recitation has also been added to the claim to clarify that the binding affinity is to gp120, as helpfully suggested by the Examiner. Support for the amendment is found throughout the specification, including page 32, lines 8-17 and Table 1.

III. The Office Action

The Office Action indicates that the Applicants' amendment was not in strict compliance with the revised rules because of an apparent error in the status identifier of claim 52. The present amendment provides a fresh listing of the claims, which assumes that the amendments set forth in the Amendment dated December 9, 2003 with respect to the other claims have been made, but that the amendments to claim 52 were not entered. The present amendment corrects the status identifier of claim 52.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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